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New York/Hollywood

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New York

DAVID SUSSKIND and Time-Life Television have optioned "The Bureau," the book by former FBI agent WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN and NBC producer BILL BROWN that provides a behind-the-scenes look at the FBI under J. EDGAR HOOVER that is somewhat less complimentary than the one provided in the old TV series The FBI, with EFREM ZIMBALIST Jr. Screenwriter ROBERT COLLINS (Police Story) has been hired to write the script . . . "Flambards" is the name of a fictional English mansion that provides the turn-of-the-century setting for a Yorkshire Television miniseries about a teen-aged orphan who samples the life style of two brothers. One is a traditional country squire, the other loves airplanes. Flambards, starring CHRISTINE MCKENNA, will run as a 12-part miniseries on PBS beginning July 8.

Documentary filmmakers ALAN and SUSAN RAYMOND ("Police Tapes" and "Bad Boys") will investigate the 10-year-long conflict in Northern Ireland in an ABC News Closeup in June. The Raymonds traveled in tanks with the British Army and filmed a paramilitary funeral for their cinéma-vérité piece. Susan Raymond told us, "An estimated 300 IRA members have disrupted a province the size of Connecticut, fighting against a combined security force of 33,000. The IRA has a press office, and the British put out their viewpoint, too. It's very difficult to arrive at the truth of the situation."

Hollywood

JAY NORTH, the hyperkinetic "Dennis the Menace" who terrorized his parents on TV for four seasons from 1959 to 1963, recently finished a three-year hitch in the Navy and has returned to Hollywood. "I was a seaman," said North. "I was stationed in Norfolk, Va., and San Diego, aboard the destroyer tender Dixie. The Navy was good for me. It was a growing experience." His first acting job since his Navy career ended is in NBC's "Scout's Honor," with GARY COLEMAN. Also in the cast are three other former child stars, ANGELA CARTWRIGHT, PAUL PETERSEN and LAUREN CHAPIN. "We play the parents of some kids in a Cub Scout pack," said North. When asked his age, Jay replied, "I'm 28, and I can't believe it either." He's not alone.

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